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Tansi and welcome to another edition of the Acimowin. The above photo is a modular home delivery at Enclave 8 in the Samson town site, story on page 14. Moving on, Alberta has lifted the Restrictions Exemption Program along with most associated restrictions. Maskwacis, however, will remain with restrictions in place according to the Public Notice released on February 10, 2022, by the Maskwacis Four Nations Directors of Emergency Management and Maskwacis Health Services. Read the MHS Public Notice on page 7. The Samson Emergency Management Director has his updates on pages 6 & 25. With that, please stay updated with our Samson Cree Nation App available on Apple and Android.



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Vision Statement

Samson Cree Nation is a healthy, educated, knowledgeable and industrious community.

Mission Statement

Samson Cree Nation is a Sovereign Nation that is dedicated to improving the quality of life for all our People by maximizing our Human Resources and respecting our Cree Language and Traditions of our Peoples.
www.samsoncree.com/aboutus

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1. Scan the QR code below or visit the App Store or Google Play Store and search "Samson Cree Nation"
2. Tap "Register" under "Member Login"
3. Fill out your information and press "Register"
4. Click the verification link at your email address.

Traditional Cree Pipe Teachings

Tuesday & Wednesday 8/9, 15/16 & 22/23
February 110-3PM

Come and learn about the pipe. 18+ for these sessions. Limited number of spots available. Call us to register at 780-585-2298.
@MASKWACIJCOUNSELLING
PIGEON LAKE, ALBERTA

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The Samson Cree Nation Acimowin (Newsletter) created by the Samson Communications Department.

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Ph: 780-585-3793 ext. 233 or 266.

SCN Departments: Please send your announcements, events or information to the Acimowin for publication.
Email: guide@ualberta.ca
Ph: 780-585-3793 ext. 266

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Community events can be forwarded to the Newsletter. Please make it a JPEG format to save paper.

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Email: hawkradio935@gmail.com
connect@hawkradio935.com
Web: www.hawkradio935.com

Contact: Robert "Bobby Jack" Ward.

Good
Family is OK

Caution
Someone has a cold

Sick
Someone has flu like symptoms

Samson Cree Nation

COVID-19

Colour Code FLAG SYSTEM

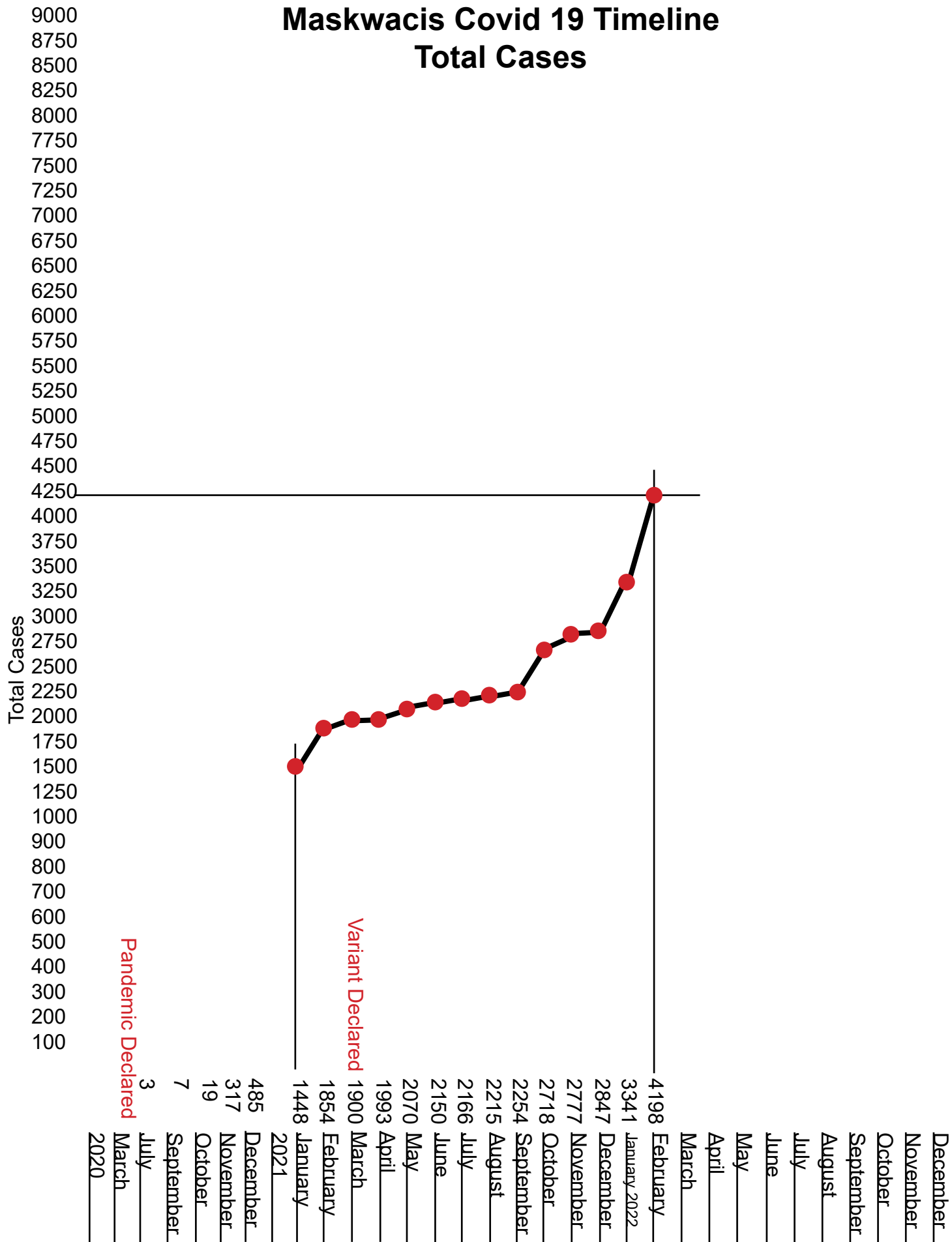
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Maskwacis Covid 19 Timeline Total Cases



Samson Cree Nation

Samson Cree Programs and Services will be open for the week of **February 7 - 11, 2022**
9:00 - 3:00pm

By Appointment Only

Please contact the department needed, and book your appointment

Call 780-585-3793

We are ensuring the safety of our Nation Members and Staff during this pandemic

#staysafe #stayhome
#gettested #reducethespreadofcovid19

Samson Cree Nation Emergency Contact Numbers

SCN Christmas Office Closure Dates: December 23, 2021 (Last Day) January 3, 2022 (Return)

Maintenance (Trades) Centre Phone: 780-585-3919
Holiday hours of operation: 8:00am to 4:00pm
December 22 & 23, 2021, December 27 to 30, 2021 and January 3 & 4, 2022

Name	Role	Phone	Email
Harper Porto	Incident Commander	780 335-0303	mhorton13@gmail.com
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Delorne Buffalo Makina	Logistics/Communications	780 360-9115	d@makina@gmail.com
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Dale Rain	Residential Dev. Manager	780 362-2030	dalerain13@gmail.com
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Maskwacis RCMP	Emergency	780 585 3767
Maskwacis Ambulance	Emergency	780 585 4000
Maskwacis Health Services	Administration	780 585 5830
Maskwacis Health Services	COVID-19 Testing	780 585 5020
Maskwacis Mobile Mental Health	Emergency Hotline	780 362 2150
Roots & Seniors Pharmacy	Vaccines/Prescriptions	780 585 2379
Dr. Orsua	Podiatrist	780 585 4062

Updated: December 20, 2021

Mikisowi Pisim 2022 (The bald eagle moon) February

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Please Note: Effective immediately, ALL participants will now have to be fully vaccinated or present a negative rapid test, to attend the programs here at the health centre. We are doing this to keep our employees and community members safe. Thank you		1 Art Therapy 9:30am - 2:30pm	2 Traditional Teachings 11:00am - 2:00pm (Importance of Cree names & Protocol)	3 Goal Setting & Self Esteem 10am - 2pm * Nurse JN * **Vaccine Clinic** 10:30am - 1:30pm SILAPE w/ Sonia, CHR	4 Traditional Teachings 9:30am - 2:30pm IRS/IDS (Indian Residential Day School) Worker here every FRIDAY 9am-3pm	5
6 Please PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING 6 FEET Thank You	7 Early Years Program Valentine's Craft 10am - 2pm NMAAP Worker here	8 Art Therapy 9:30am - 2:30pm	9 Adult Health Day w/ Sonia 11am-2pm Craft to follow	10 Traditional Parenting 2:00pm - 3:00pm SILAPE w/ Sonia, CHR	11 Traditional Teachings 9:30am - 2:30pm IRS/IDS (Indian Residential Day School) Worker here 9am-3pm	12 FACE MASK REQUIRED
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20 DID YOU REMEMBER TO WASH YOUR HANDS?	21 Closed	22 Youth Health Day 5:00pm - 7:30pm (proper nutrition & healthy cooking)	23	24 Traditional Parenting 10:00am - 2:00pm SILAPE w/ Sonia, CHR	25 Traditional Teachings 9:30am - 2:30pm IRS/IDS (Indian Residential Day School) Worker here 9am-3pm	26 PLEASE USE HAND SANITIZER
27	28 Early Years Program Ribbon Skirts 9:30am - 2:30pm NMAAP Worker here	All safety precautions are mandatory when entering the health centre. Must wear a mask, Use hand sanitizers available throughout building. Social distancing. In the event any of our scheduled programs are cancelled or postponed, we will do our best to post on our facebook page as soon as we know. Thank you				



January 25, 2022

Update by Emergency Management, Harper Potts: Good afternoon everybody. We will go straight into the update and numbers. Since day one, which was 23 months ago or in March 2020:

3693 Total Cases in Maskwacis
3067 Recovered
613 Active Cases in Maskwacis
8 Hospitalized
23 Deceased

613/212 are Samson band members
32 Homes with Positive Cases/Close Contact
900 Homes in Samson
170 Homes Approximately with Positive Cases/Close Contact
This does not include the Home Test Kits with Positive Cases
700 Active Cases Approximately Then Including Home Test Kit Numbers

Alberta Health Services statistics

55,685 Cases

People who test positive and who are double vaccinated have to isolate for 5 days but show no symptoms. People who test positive but show symptoms have to isolate for 10 days. Harper would like to see the 10 day isolation requirement for everybody.

Home Testers please call the Maskwacis Health Services (MHS) if you or someone in your family tests positive. Please do not go to the Ambulance bay to confirm your test, call MHS and they will assist you.

Home Tests can be delivered by Emergency Management, so call 780-585-2522.

We need the number of people in the house and your names. Food hampers were delivered to the Pigeon Lake people. All 72 houses got food hampers.

Emergency Management hours are 9 AM to 3 PM. We will leave the Home Tests with Emergency Management Security and they will give it to you when you go see them. The Elders and people with disabilities got food hampers. We will deliver to homes with positive cases and we can give out sanitization packs as well.

Here is a big thank you to Farm and Ranch. When you see the Keith Nepoose or the other workers from there say thank you because they got a donation of 2000 pounds of potatoes that got delivered with the food hampers.

Employees will be tested every Monday morning with Antigen tests. Forms will have to signed out by the workers when this happens. This will go on until the variant is gone. This may go on until July. Harper has heard that the Elders said that the variant can be here for 4 to 5 years.

The band office is closed. MESC is closed. All these decisions are done in consultation with other departments, agencies and individuals. The Public Works and the Trades Center is open. The Vaccine Clinics will be from 1 PM to 6 PM at the HBMC to accommodate the workers. You can get

the 4th vaccine but you have to fit the criteria so ask the Head Nurse when you go to the HBMC if you qualify. The Homeless Shelter has been shut down because the increase in numbers. Once the numbers go down it will be open and this was done in consultation with the town shelter, the Mustard Seed and Samson Community Wellness.

A few more numbers from the IRS population CHIP program:

December 31, 2021: 12, 520 Population in Maskwacis
November 26, 2021: 12, 852 Population in Maskwacis.
1st Dose: 6823
2nd Dose: 5405
3rd Dose: 538

That's close to the numbers Samson has.

Doctors in the Ontario region have stated that the variant has peaked. Harper believes that in two weeks the same will be for Maskwacis.

Home Tests: Call 780-585-2522. There's 5 tests in a box and don't test every day, test every three days.

Check the Samson Emergency Management Facebook page for updates and you can call Harper's cell phone if you have to: 780-335-0303 if you need assistance. Thank you, stay safe, get vaccinated, wear your mask and stay home if you can. Please say some prayers for the families that are affected.



MASKWACIS FOUR NATIONS DIRECTORS OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & MASKWACIS HEALTH SERVICES PUBLIC NOTICE

The number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Maskwacis continues to be high. What is more concerning is that the hospitalization rate for Maskwacis is also around the highest number recorded during the pandemic.

Also the COVID-19 vaccination rate in Maskwacis continues to lag behind other jurisdictions in Canada. As we know the COVID-19 vaccines continues to be your best bet against severe outcomes, including hospitalization and death, and to slow or stop person-to-person transmission in those who lack immunity. The ISC-AB Medical Officers of Health strongly recommend First Nations aim to have at least 80% of eligible persons (70% minimum) fully immunized (first and second doses) against COVID-19.

Lifting restrictions at this time in Maskwacis, from a public health perspective, is not optimal. The Directors of Emergency Management for the 4 Nations and Maskwacis Health Services recommend that all restrictions that were in place prior to February 8, 2022 announcement from the Alberta Government regarding the easing of restrictions remain in place. These will be reassessed on a weekly basis and be eased in Maskwacis when vaccination rates are above 80% for all those eligible and/or hospital rates stabilize.

We encourage anyone who has not fully immunized to do so. We are also recommending to continue the use of masks for everyone as we know the high transmissible Omicron variant spreads through aerosols and droplets.

Francis Lynch-Louis Bull DEM
Greg Minde-Ermineskin Cree Nation DEM
Harper Potts-Samson Cree Nation DEM
Gina Longjohn-Montana First Nation DEM
Michael McKnight-Incident Command MHS

February 10, 2022

LEANN'S KITCHEN

DMT accepted for leann.2001.1999@yukon.com

BREAKFAST:

- Breakfast Sandwich: Ham, Bacon, or Sausage \$5.00
- Bacon OR Sausage w/ hashbrowns & toast \$9.00
- HUNGRYMAN: Ham, Bacon, Sausage w/ 2 eggs, hashbrowns & toast \$11.00
- French Toast w/ Sausages \$8.00
- Oatmeal & Toast \$5.00

LUNCH:

ALL MEALS COME WITH FRIES & GRAY (POUTINE EXTRA)

- Chicken Strips \$12.00
- Chicken \$12.00
- Popovers Chicken \$10.00
- Fish & Chips \$10.00
- Bites \$5.00
- Pizza Strips \$5.00
- Battered Mushrooms \$7.00
- Cheeseburger \$5.00
- Hot Cheeseburger \$6.00
- Fries w/ Gravy \$4.50
- Onion Rings \$5.00
- Poutine \$5.00
- Soup & Bannock \$5.00
- Fruit Bunch \$5.00
- Bannock \$3.00

Daily Specials Weekly Menus

w/ Bannock (\$1.00) \$6.00
w/ Bannock (\$1.00) \$7.00

BEVERAGES:
Coffee \$2.00
The Pop \$1.50
Water \$1.50

CONTACT: (780) 585-3793
Ext #125
OR
TEXT orders to (780)361-7846



TREATY NO. 6

SPRINGBANK PROJECT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Over 400+ jobs are available for the upcoming Springbank Dam project in 2022, to prepare our Treaty No. 6 workforce for this project we are offering information sessions via zoom

February 9, 2022 10 am - 12 pm - Zoom
February 24, 2022 10 am - 12 pm - Zoom
March 2, 2022 10 am - 12 pm - Zoom

Register via the website to be a part of the information session.
<https://treaty6springbankjobfair.ca>

Online hiring event in March 2022, please check the website for updates.



Are you a hunter or land-user who is concerned about the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in the wildlife near Maskwacis?




Chronic Wasting Disease Tags

If you are interested in submitting samples for CWD Testing and receiving tags, please submit your PO Box # to:

[cwgmonitoring@gmail.com](mailto:cwdmonitoring@gmail.com)
OR
samsoncreedata@gmail.com / 780-585-3793 ext.130

LIFT EACH OTHER UP



CKNW KIDS' FUND PINK SHIRT DAY

February 23, 2022

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
Global BC 980 CKNW



MHS Trailers

If you have tested Covid 19 Positive, as a Maskwacis Cree member, you have the option of Isolating or Quarantining at the Maskwacis Health Services (MHS) Trailers. They take excellent care of you and this choice ensures you keep the rest of your family safe from Covid 19.

For more information please contact your nations Director of Emergency Management Team Leader:
Samson's representative is:

Harper Potts 780-335-0303
OR
Kevin Johnson 780-362-2197

#StaySafe #SamsonCree #WashHands #WearAMask #ProtectOur Elders #Get Tested #NoVisiting
www.samsoncree.com



- Cree parenting words (English to Cree):
1. Come here - āstam otā
 2. Go there - nētē itohtē
 3. Right away - sēmāk
 4. Bring it - pētā
 5. Drink it - minihkwē
 6. Eat - mīciso
 7. Eat this - mīcih ōma
 8. Eat that - mīcih nēma
 9. Don't eat this - ēkāwiya mīcih ōma
 10. Don't drink - ēkāwiya minihkwē ōma
 11. Go away - awas
 12. Open it - ohtēnah
 13. Close it - kipahuh
 14. Put it away - nahastā
 15. Watch TV - kanawāpahta cakāscēpayis
 16. Listen to me - nītohtawin
 17. Play - mētawē
 18. Play with me - mētawēwin
 19. Play with them - mētawēm
 20. Here - otē
 21. Sleep - Nipāwin
 22. Don't hit - Ēkāwiya pakamahikē
 23. Brush your teeth - Kisēkapitēho
 24. Pray - Kākisimo
 25. Smudge yourself - Miyakisoso



Notice of Application Confined Feeding Operation

Curtis McKelvie has filed application RA21030 with the Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB) to obtain an approval to expand an existing confined feeding operation (CFO) on the W 1/4 1-44-23 W4M in Ponoka County, Alberta. The application is to increase the number of livestock on site to 4,000 beef finishers, permit an existing series of feedlot pens and two existing catch basins. The application is also to refine the two existing catch basins and to construct an additional catch basin.

The NRCB will also determine the grandfathered status of the CFO. The NRCB invites you to provide input on the CFO's livestock types, livestock capacity, and facilities as they existed on or around January 1, 2002. Curtis McKelvie has stated that his grandfathered livestock capacity is 1,000 beef finishers.

Filing a Statement
Any person who is directly affected by the application and the determination of grandfathered status may submit a statement to the NRCB. The statement must be received by the NRCB on or before January 7, 2022. Submissions must be made to the NRCB email address provided below. A copy of the response will be sent to the applicant for review and comment. Statements submitted regarding the application are public records and are non-confidential.

Your statement should include your name, the legal land description of your residence or landholdings, mailing address, phone number, email address, and a detailed summary that describes how you would be directly affected by this application. For further information please refer to the fact sheet "The Permitting Process for Confined Feeding Operations in Alberta" at www.nrcb.ca (under Confined Feeding Operations / Notice of Applications). You may also file an application for directly affected party status at this time. Additional information related to directly affected party status is available on the NRCB website.

Failure to submit a statement may affect your rights to apply for an NRCB review.

Viewing the Application
A complete copy of the application and supporting documents submitted by the applicant under the Agricultural Operation Practices Act may be viewed only on the NRCB website at www.nrcb.ca (under Confined Feeding Operations / Public Notice of Applications) until January 7, 2022. Until further notice, the application will not be available for in-person viewing as the Red Deer office of the NRCB is closed to the public due to COVID-19. If you require further information, please contact the approval officer listed below.

Jeff Froese, Approval Officer
Jeff.Froese@nrcb.ca
T: 403-340-5795

The closing date for submissions:
January 7, 2022

Dated at Red Deer AB, on December 1, 2021
www.nrcb.ca





Indian Residential Schools
**RESOLUTION HEALTH
SUPPORT PROGRAM**
Alberta Region

Health Support Services for Former Indian Residential School Students and Their Families

The Health Support Program provides emotional health and wellness support to former Indian Residential School students and their families.

The program offers:

- Emotional Support - through Resolution Health Support Workers
- Cultural Support - through Cultural Support Providers
- Professional Counselling
- Transportation assistance

To access services call the Resolution Health Support Alberta Regional office at **1-888-495-6588**.

Local support workers are available to former Indian Residential Schools students and/or their families and look forward to helping through the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement process. Please contact them whenever you need assistance.

What are my records?

- Your records are:
- your IAP or ADR **application** form
 - the printed record (**transcript**) of your testimony
 - the **voice recording** of your testimony, and
 - the **decision** on your claim.

Where are my records?

Your records are being kept securely at the IAP Secretariat.

And my other records?

The IAP Secretariat is required to destroy other records after the end of your claim, such as your medical and employment records and other documents used in deciding your claim.

Anyone else who had copies of your records because they were involved with your hearing—such as the Government of Canada or a church—is required to keep them confidential and destroy their copies after they are no longer needed for your claim.

Why am I being asked about my records now?

In October 2017, the Supreme Court of Canada decided what happens to IAP and ADR records after claims are finished.

The Supreme Court ruled that you were promised confidentiality and that promise is being kept. As a claimant, you and you alone choose what happens to your records.

For more information

For more information about your choices, or for help with forms, contact:

- **IAP information:** call toll free, 1-877-635-2648
online: www.MyRecordsMyChoice.ca
- **Assembly of First Nations:**
call toll free, 1-833-212-2688
email: iapdesk@afn.ca
online: www.afn.ca
- **Inuit Representatives:**
Contact for the Inuvialuit:
Contact: Gayle Gruben, Project Administrator
Telephone enquiries: (867) 777-7018
Email: ggruben@inuvialuit.com
Website: <http://www.irc.inuvialuit.com/>
Contact for Makivik:
Call toll-free (800) 369-7052
Electronic communications can be submitted at:
<http://www.makivik.org/contact/>
Website: <http://www.makivik.org>
- **National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR):**
call toll free, 1-855-415-4534
email: NCTRrecords@umanitoba.ca
online: www.NCTR.ca



My Records, My Choice

- If you made a claim in the
- Independent Assessment Process (IAP) or
 - Alternative Dispute Resolution process (ADR)

This booklet has important information about your confidential records.

The IAP is the process for compensating claims of Indian residential school abuse. The deadline for IAP applications was in 2012.

The ADR was the earlier process for the same types of claims.

If you are feeling pain or distress because of your residential school experiences please call the free 24-hour crisis line:
Residential Schools Crisis Line: 1-866-925-4419

This booklet is **not** about the Common Experience Payment (CEP).

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Truth and Reconciliation Commission

General information

Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement
Information Line
1-866-879-4913

Common Experience Payment

General information

and apply over the phone
Common Experience Payment
Response Centre
1-866-565-4526

Application form request

Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement
Information Line
1-866-879-4913

Appeal (when Reconsideration is denied)

National Administration Committee Appeals
Information Line
1-866-879-4916

Independent Assessment Process

General information, application,
guide request, status update
Independent Assessment Process Information Line
1-877-635-2648

Alternative Dispute Resolution

General information and to
re-open a claim
Independent Assessment Process Information Line
1-877-635-2648

If you are in crisis

A crisis line is available to provide immediate emotional assistance and can be reached 24-hours a day, seven days a week **1-866-925-4419**



What are my choices?

- You may **do nothing**. Your records will remain confidential. On September 19, 2027 they will be **automatically destroyed**.
- You may get a **copy for yourself**, to keep or to share with others.
- You may choose to **preserve your records** at the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR) for history, education, and research.
- You may choose to get a copy for yourself and also preserve them at the NCTR.

THE CHOICE IS YOURS, AND YOURS ALONE.

Privacy of other people

If you get a copy of your records for yourself, or have them preserved at the NCTR, information that identifies other people will be blocked out. That way, you control what happens to your records and the privacy of others is respected.

Preserving the history of Indian residential schools

The NCTR was created to preserve the history and legacy of Canada's residential schools. It has a responsibility to foster truth, reconciliation, and healing.

Hosted at the University of Manitoba, it is the permanent home for the records of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC).

The NCTR welcomes those who made IAP or ADR claims to add their records to this collection. Preserving your records at the NCTR will help future generations understand the history and impacts of residential schools.

How would my records be used at the NCTR?

NCTR records will be used for education and research. If you choose to include your records, you may choose either restricted or open access.

- **Restricted access** means your personal information will not be available to the public. It will be available to the NCTR and authorized researchers but won't be available to the public or to your family, and won't be published.

- **Open access** means that your records and personal information may be shared with the public, which may include your family.

Your personal information is your name and other information that could be used to identify you.



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Residential Schools Crisis Line: 1-866-925-4419

EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

What is Emotional Support?

Emotional Support is talking to someone who can help you understand your Indian Residential School experience in a safe way.

Who is a Resolution Health Support Worker?

A Resolution Health Support Worker is a person who will give you emotional support to help you safely address issues related to Indian Residential School.

How can a Resolution Health Support Worker help?

The Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement processes can be emotionally difficult and it can be frustrating trying to understand all the forms. This is why it can be helpful talking to someone who understands the process, like a Resolution Health Support Worker.

Family members may also find it helpful to talk to someone as they may want information and to understand how they were effected by their parent's experiences.

They too can discuss these issues with a Resolution Health Support Worker.

Resolution Health Support Workers:

- Listen and talk to you about your Indian Residential School experiences.
- Listen and talk with you as you go through the Independent Assessment Process.
- Guide you through the Common Experience Payment process.
- Emotionally support you before, during, and after your Independent Assessment Process hearing, Alternative Dispute Resolution hearing, or court process.
- Attend and provide emotional support at community, regional, and national Truth and Reconciliation and Commemoration events.
- Refer you to appropriate services you may need including cultural support, professional counselling, and transportation.

Resolution Health Support Services are:

- Safe
- Confidential
- Respectful
- Non-judgmental

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Indian Residential School Settlement Agreement

General information and list of approved schools

Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement Information Line
1-866-879-4913

Common Experience Payment

General information and apply over the phone

Common Experience Payment Response Centre
1-866-565-4526

Application form request

Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement Information Line
1-866-879-4913

Appeal (when Reconsideration is denied)

National Administration Committee Appeals Information Line
1-866-879-4916

PROFESSIONAL COUNSELLING (INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY)

What is Professional Counselling?

Professional counselling is talking to a registered professional about your feeling and working together to find ways to heal and move forward.

Who is a Resolution Health Support Program Professional Counsellor?

- They are psychologists and social workers who are registered with Health Canada, First Nations & Inuit Health
- They have at least a Master's level of education
- They are registered with their professional associations.
- They have experience working with Aboriginal people.
- They have knowledge of Indian Residential School history and impacts.

How can a Professional Counsellor help?

Many former Indian Residential School students find themselves having difficulty coping with their feelings as they remember their Indian Residential School experiences. Many find talking to a professional and working towards healing can be helpful.

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Many family members also experience similar feelings and may find it helpful to talk to a professional about how they were impacted by an Indian Residential School.

Your professional counsellor will listen, talk, and help you find new ways of healing from you Indian Residential School experiences.

Professional counselling is available to you to provide support before, during, and after:

- Common Experiences Payment
- Independent Assessment Process
- Alternate Dispute Resolution
- Court Process
- Truth and Reconciliation Events
- Commemoration activities

Professional Counselling services are:

- Safe
- Confidential
- Respectful
- Non-judgmental

How to find the right professional counsellor for you?

- Interview the professional counsellor to see if they are someone you can feel comfortable talking to about yourself.
- Look for someone you can trust.

Transportation

- Assistance is offered when professional counselling services are not locally available
- The Resolution Health Support Program must be notified prior to travel for assistance to be provided.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Indian Residential School Settlement Agreement

General information and list of approved schools

Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement Information Line
1-866-879-4913

Common Experience Payment

General information and apply over the phone

Common Experience Payment Response Centre
1-866-565-4526

Application form request

Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement Information Line
1-866-879-4913

Appeal (when Reconsideration is denied)

National Administration Committee Appeals Information Line
1-866-879-4916

CULTURAL SUPPORT

What is Cultural Support?

Cultural Support is the traditional healing component of the Resolution Health Support Program

Who is a Cultural Support Provider?

A Cultural Support Provider is a traditional healer or practitioner in your community. They are recognized and respected as a person who provides and performs traditional ceremonies or prayers.

How can a Cultural Support Provider help?

- They provide cultural support and traditional healing before, during and after:
- Common Experience Payment
- Independent Assessment Process
- Alternate Dispute Resolution
- Court Process
- Truth and Reconciliation events
- Commemoration activities.

- The ceremonies or prayers they perform for you will be based on your beliefs and practices
- They can refer you to appropriate reproduces involved in the Settlement Agreement.

Cultural Support Services are:

- Safe
- Confidential
- Respectful to you and your traditional beliefs
- non-judgmental.

Transportation

- Assistance is offered when cultural support services are not locally available.
- The Resolution Health Support Program must be notified prior to travel for assistance to be provided.
- For prior approval please contact the Resolution Health Support Program Alberta Regional Office at **1-888-495-6588**

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Independent Assessment Process

General information, application, guide request, status update

Independent Assessment Process Information Line
1-877-635-2648

Truth and Reconciliation

General Information

Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement Information Line
1-866-879-4913

Alternative Dispute Resolution

General information and to re-open a claim

Independent Assessment Process Information Line
1-877-635-2648



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Learning. Sharing. Healing.

Taking the next step in the path to healing, together.

The Claims process is currently open

The deadline to submit a claim is October 4, 2023.

Claimants should act quickly to ensure that they do not miss the claims deadline.

You can apply online or contact the Claims Administrator (Deloitte) at:
daycholarsclaims@deloitte.ca or 1-877-877-5786.

Apply online

The Indian Residential Schools Day Scholars Class Action was brought on behalf of Day Scholars – students who attended Indian Residential Schools ("IRS") during the day only but did not sleep there overnight, and their Descendants (their children).

The lawsuit claimed that IRSs destroyed Class Members' language and culture, violated their cultural and linguistic rights, and caused psychological harms.

The Federal Court has approved a settlement agreement that resolves the Day Scholar Survivor and Descendant Class claims

Settlement Approval

Short-Form Notice



February 2, 2022

Enclave 8 Samson Townsite:

AJS Indigenous Housing Solutions. Web: www.ajsihs.com

There was a modular home delivered to Enclave 8 and I talked with Allen Joseph Stever who was on site when the delivery took place. Here is the interview.

Allan has a home builder in Lethbridge called Triple M Housing who made this modular unit. He has been working with the Housing Committee, Councilor Kurt Buffalo and Cody Nepoose on this project. There is a delivery today, tomorrow and possibly on Friday. So basically they go on screw piles, hook up the power and water and there completed in about a week if everything goes according to plan. AJS trains local employees in the different processes to get the job done, from project managers, public works to the hammer swingers!

Down Home Movers is the company who moved the unit and will put it on the piles. They are from Winkler, Manitoba and travelled to Alberta in the past few days where they encountered the snow storm we just went through.

Allan was saying he brought some treats for the town site dogs. As for the modular units, there will be six more delivered after this week. The homes are being bought under a government program. Allan is just proud to do his job when I mentioned motivation for the project. Project Manager Cody Nepoose helped in this project along with the Housing Committee, Councilor Kurt Buffalo, Armond Swampy and Myles Rain.



14 Samson Communications Department @SamsonCreeNation



To: Maskwacis Cree Membership
From: Dr. Shawn Bruns, MESC Board of Governors Chairperson
Subject: Maskwacis Education Schools Commission (MESC) Board of Governors Vacancies

Opening Date: February 1, 2022
Closing Date: February 25, 2022, 4:30pm
Role: MESC Board Governor- Ermineskin Cree Nation Representative (1)
 MESC Board Governor- Louis Bull Tribe Representative (1)
 MESC Board Governor- Montana First Nation Representative (1)
 MESC Board Governor- Samson Cree Nation Representative (1)
Term: 4 years

The Selection Committee (Four Chiefs and one Council member from each Nation) is now accepting applications for the Maskwacis Education Schools Commission (MESC) Board of Governors.

About the MESC Board of Governors

MESC exists to govern an outstanding Maskwacis education system that ensures students attend respectful and inspiring schools, that result in competent, confident and resilient Maskwacis-Cree speaking students for the optimization of resources used at a cost that can be justified by the results.

The purpose of the Board, on behalf of the people of the four independent Maskwacis Cree Nations, Ermineskin Cree Nation, Louis Bull Tribe, Montana First Nation and Samson Cree Nation, is to ensure that MESC achieves appropriate results, for the appropriate people at an appropriate worth, and avoids unacceptable actions and situations.

Qualifications

- Governors must be twenty-one (21) years of age with power under law to contract.
- A Governor cannot be a current employee or contractor of MESC.
- Governors must be a member of one of the four Maskwacis Nations (Ermineskin Cree Nation, Louis Bull Tribe, Montana First Nation or Samson Cree Nation)



You can submit your application, your criminal record check and resume by:

- Mailing it to Brian Wildcat, Maskwacis Education Schools Commission, Box 58, Maskwacis Alberta, T0C 1N0.
- Email to info@maskwacis.ca
- Hand delivered to the MESC Main Administration Office during business hours (8:30am - 4:30pm).

The deadline for applications is February 25, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

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Date: _____

Name: _____
First Last

Residence Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Employer Company: _____

Supervisor: _____

Your Title: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Preferred method of contact: Work Residence

Please list boards and committees that you serve on, or have served on (business, civic, community, fraternal, political, professional, recreational, religious, social).

Organization	Role/Title	Dates of Service



- You have an interest in improving the educational achievement of students attending MESC schools.

Duties of the Board

- Oversee the business and activities of the Authority and ensure that every order, ordinance, decision, motion or contract as described in the Policy Manual, MESC organizational by-laws and the Maskwacis Education Law, be faithfully and impartially observed and carried out.
- Ensure that policies respecting the provision of educational services and programs are developed.
- Development, implement, monitor, review and revise Board policies (Ends policies, Executive Limitations, Governance Process and Board Management Delegation).
- Attending regular Board meetings, committee meetings and hearings.
- Maintain the link between the owners (Maskwacis Chiefs and Councils and Maskwacis membership) and the operational organization.
- Stay informed of First Nation Educational issues.
- Promote the interest of MESC.
- Work to achieve the vision and mission of MESC.
- Structured monitoring of the Superintendent as outlined in Board-Management Delegation policies.

If you are interested in the above positions, please complete the attached application form and include your resume and criminal record check.

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Education/Training/Certificates

How do you feel Maskwacis Education Schools would benefit from your involvement on the Board?

Skills, experience, and interests (Please circle all that apply)

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|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Finance, accounting | Education, instruction |
| Personnel, human resources | Special events |
| Administration, management | Grant writing |
| Nonprofit experience | Fundraising |
| Community service | Outreach, advisory |
| Policy development | Other _____ |
| Program evaluation | Other _____ |
| Public relations, communications | Other _____ |

Please list any groups, organizations, or businesses that you could serve as a liaison to on behalf of Maskwacis Education Schools.

January 20, 2022

Chief Vernon Saddleback: Samson Cree Nation
 PO Box 159
 Maskwacis, AB, T0C 1N0
vc@samsoncree.ca

Re: MESC Junior and Senior High School Realignment

Dear Chief Saddleback,

I am pleased to announce, on December 14, 2021, the MESC Board of Governors approved of the junior and senior high schools (Emneskai Junior/Senior High School and Nipishkopaik Secondary School) realignment for the fall of 2022.

MESC has engaged with junior and senior high students, junior and senior high staff, parents, Maskwacis Leadership, the MESC Circle of Elders and the MESC Board of Governors. We received a total of 379 responses to a feedback questionnaire. Of the responses 70.4% of the respondents agreed to realigning the junior and senior high school programs.

In the 2022-23 school year, the existing Nipishkopaik Secondary School will become the site for the Senior High School and the existing Emneskai Jr./Sr. High School will become the Junior High School. Junior high school programs will still be offered at the Maskwacis Ka Naga Wi school and Kispapatnah School in the 2022-23 school year. Further engagement will take place to ensure a successful transition for these students.

This realignment will make substantial improvements in the following 4 areas:

1. Eliminate duplication of services.
2. Improve equity of access and opportunity for MESC students and families.
3. Maximize the potential of Maskwacis partnerships.
4. Promote unity and walk-togetherness within MESC.

Attached is an overview with highlights of the implementation plan. Our team will continue to engage with parents in the coming months to ensure information is shared freely and questions and concerns are addressed prior to the 2022-23 school year. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



Brian Wistol, B.P.E., M.Ed.
 Ka-Ootkwaniwa Kikwahamatowin: Maskwacis Education Schools Commission

CC: Samson Cree Nation Councilors



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
 Assistant Program Manager Position
 Maskwacis RCMP Victim Services Unit

STATUS: Full Time
 DEPARTMENT: Maskwacis RCMP Victim Services
 CLOSING: Ongoing till suitable candidate is found

The Maskwacis Victim Services is looking for a highly motivated person who thrives on challenge, to assist the Program Manager in providing direct support services to crime and trauma victims, witnesses and their families.

POSITION OVERVIEW:

This position is based on the successful completion of an Enhanced Security Clearance, which may take several months. This position requires specialized work in providing direct support services to crime and trauma victims and witnesses. The incumbent provides crisis intervention support, information and referrals at the scene of crimes, domestic disputes and other serious incidents, as well as follow-up and court support services. Other duties may include:

- Assist MVSU Program Manager with the day-to-day operations of the Victim Services Unit such as answering office telephone, responding to email inquiries, and liaising with community partners such as the RCMP and the Crown Prosecutor's Offices, and the court process
- Experience with Research and assist with Government Grant proposal writing
- Provide information and referrals to victims on available resources and liaising with agencies to provide immediate services
- Provide guidance and support to clients & volunteers
- Participate in Fundraising activities and Community Events as required
- Participate at Board, Advocate and Detachments meetings as required
- Assist the clients with court support & court orientation

EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE:

Two (2) years recent related experience; or an equivalent combination of education, training and experience. Proven ability to work independently with minimum supervision and work well within a team environment. Valid Class 5 Driver's License.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, & ABILITIES:

- Ability to speak and understand the Cree language & Culture will be an asset
- Strong understanding of the importance of maintaining discretion and confidentiality of highly sensitive information.
- Knowledge & Experience with Computer programs like MS excel, MS windows, MS word, MS office, Outlook, Word press and various other programs.
- Excellent interpersonal skills with a demonstrated ability to build relationships with staff, volunteers, RCMP members and other community partners and stakeholders.
- Ability to effectively provide direct services to victims and witnesses of crime and trauma, including emotional support, information and referrals, often under stressful circumstances.
- Ability to take directions and work well with others
- Willing to take appropriate training as determined by the Program Manager, the Board and the RCMP Liaison Officer
- Organizational/Office management skills
- Preference given Maskwacis members

To apply, please submit your Cover Letter, Resume & References along with a Criminal Record Check and any other supporting documents to the Maskwacis Victim Services Unit located at the Maskwacis RCMP Detachment.

**Maskwacis Education Schools Commission
 Jr./Sr. High School Realignment
 Implementation Plan Highlights**

Staffing

- Principals and assistant principals will be assigned by February 11, 2022
- Staff will all be assigned to the schools by March 31, 2022
- Draft teaching assignments will be completed by March 31, 2022
- Classroom assignments will be distributed by April 30, 2022
- Draft assignments for support staff will be distributed by May 31, 2022

Programming

- Special Programs that will be a part of each school will be finalized by February 28, 2022
- High school course projections for the 2022-2023 school year will be completed by February 11, 2022
- High school course list will be completed by February 28, 2022

Engagement

- There will be a public announcement of the Board's decision to proceed with the Jr./Sr. High School Realignment in August 2022, by January 28, 2022
- A virtual parent/student engagement will take place on February 16, 2022
- Parent/student engagement sessions for MKNW and KS will be scheduled for March 2022

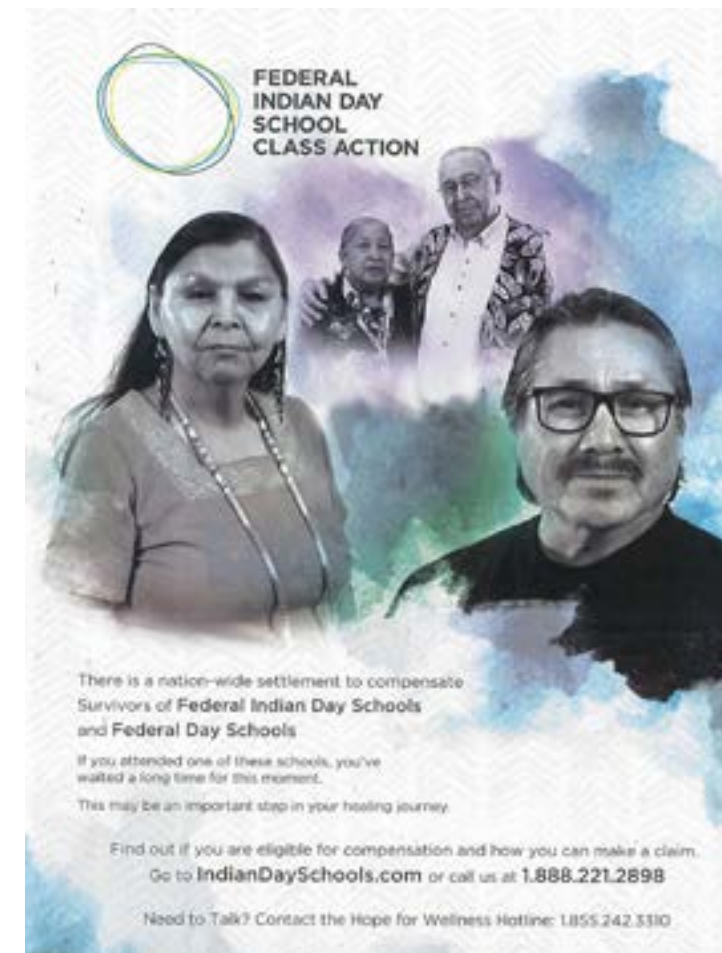
- An Open House will be held for students and parents at both EJSH and NSS school sites by May 2022
- Promotional videos will be created in March and April. These videos will be distributed on social media by May 2022

Transition Planning

- Student Profile Meetings will be held in May 2022
- Beginning of year orientation will be planned in May/June 2022
- A staggered entry will take place at each new school to begin the year
- Learning and Student Services is working on a transition plan that will focus on supporting students through the transition. This holistic plan will focus on student wellness and will be implemented in collaboration with administrators, school elders, cultural advisors, teachers, and school counsellors.

Branding

- The school name changes will be presented to the Board for approval by March 2022
- Students will be surveyed to help create new team names and mascots for each new school in March 2022
- New school signage will be displayed on the exterior of each new school by August 2022

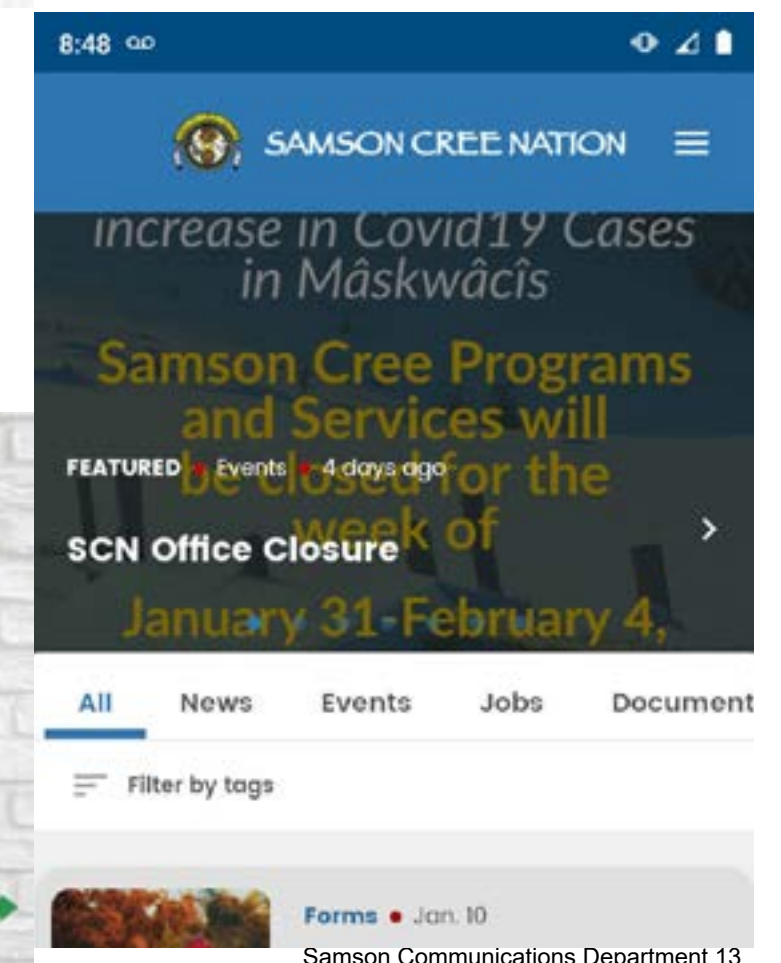
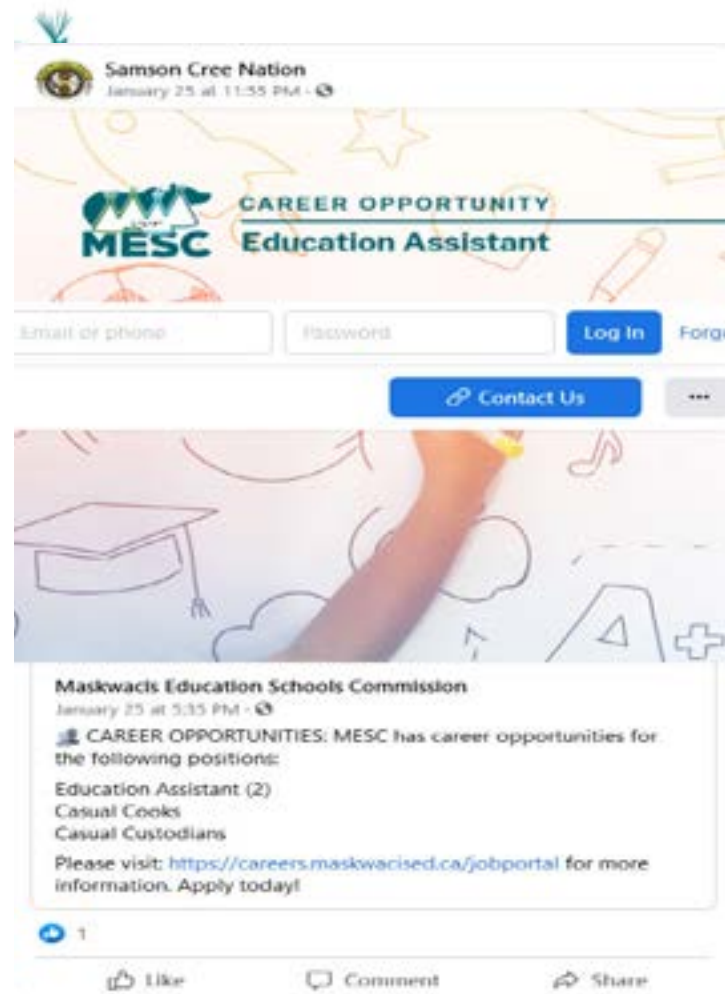


January 20, 2022

Samson Cree Nation has a New App available for download on Apple. Do you want to stay informed on nation news, media releases and interviews? Download the app now. Notifications for emergencies. Job Opportunities. Available on cell phones and tablets. *Samson Communications*



Federal Indian Day School Class Action **July 13, 2022** is your last day to submit a claim. McLean Class Action on Indian Day Schools. If you attended a Federal Day School you may be eligible for compensation. www.indiandayschools.com Ph 1 844 3815





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The Acimowin (Samson's local newsletter) Submission Dates for 2022

February Friday February 21	April Friday April 8 Friday April 22
March Friday March 11 Friday March 25	May Friday May 13 Friday May 27

Integrated Family Services (IFS) Ph: 780-585-2254 Email: integratedfamily@yahoo.com

MMIWG 24/7 Toll Free Support Phone Line: 1-844-413-6649

Maskwacis Mobile Mental Health: Call us at any time on our hotline 780-362-2150 or Email : info@maaems.com

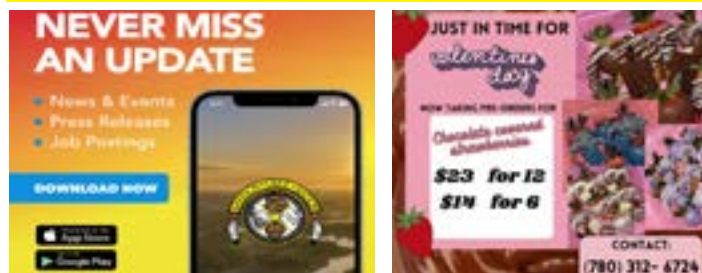
SCN Community Wellness: Client Support Services Ph: 780-335-5953. Outreach 780-335-7439. Respite Care 780-335-9687.

From the Office of Samson Gas Utility

Box 1200 Maskwacis, AB T0C 1N0
Ph: 780-585-3793 Email: gasutility.scn@gmail.com

Lyle Littlepoplar, Manager 1-780-335-6073
Everette Omeasoo, Supervisor 1-780-312-9748
Gas Co-op Shop 780-585-3547 Please Leave A Message

Email: gasutility.scn@gmail.com
Please call EXT#215, Cell 780-335-6073 or
Email: lyle.littlepoplar2020@gmail.com
If you have any questions on this matter. Thank you.



Samson Cree Nation: Pediatrics



PEDIATRIC CLINIC NOW OPEN
Dr. Heather Dreise
Pediatrician

Location: former MYI Building
Hours: Tuesday & Thursday
9 AM to 4 PM
For Appointments call 780-585-4062.
Walk Ins are available.



Samson Cree Nation Urban Office in Edmonton.
Location: 12046 - 77 St. Edmonton.
Ph: 780-477-6648 ext. 257

SCN Community Wellness: Client Support Services Ph: 780-335-5953. Outreach 780-335-7439. Respite Care 780-335-9687.

Please be advised that the Samson Cree Nation **Personnel Department** has a New Email Address:
personnel.179@gmail.com
Anybody applying for a job or submitting their documents to Personnel Department can send to the email provided. Thank You.

The Samson Cree Housing Department is now located at the Trades Centre (on Cranes Road).
New phone number: 780-585-3919

The Samson Community Initiatives Program 780-585-0111
Check them out on Facebook.
[@samsoncommunityinitiativesprogram](https://www.facebook.com/samsoncommunityinitiativesprogram)

SAMSON CREE NATION PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT

SCN Personnel Department has started a new Temporary Employment list.

If you are interested in temporary employment, call Personnel and leave your name and contact number

It is mandatory for all temporary workers to provide a negative covid test before arriving to work.

For more information contact Personnel at 780-585-3793



NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT APPROVAL AND CLAIMS PROCESS

Did you attend an Indian Residential School as a student during the day but not sleep there overnight?

OR

Did your parent attend an Indian Residential School as a student during the day but not sleep there overnight?

OR

Are you the estate executor, administrator, trustee or liquidator or the heir of someone who attended an Indian Residential School as a student during the day but not sleep there overnight and who died on or after May 30, 2005?

If yes, this notice is for you. It is authorized by the Federal Court. Please read it carefully because it affects your legal rights.

What is this notice for?

There is a settlement in a certified class action called *Gauthier v. Canada* (Federal Court File No. T-1542-02) for the claims of Day Scholars (the "Survivor Class") and their children (the "Descendant Class"). Day Scholars are students who attended Indian Residential Schools during the day only and did not sleep there overnight. A Federal Court judge approved the settlement agreement on September 24, 2021, and that agreement is now binding on all Survivor Class and Descendant Class members who did not opt out.

What settlement was approved?

The settlement contains benefits for both the Day Scholar Survivor Class and the Descendant Classes:

- \$18,000 Day Scholar Compensation Payment:** Each Day Scholar who attended an Indian Residential School during the day only (but did not sleep there overnight) any time between 1920 and 1997 is eligible to apply for a \$18,000 Day Scholar Compensation Payment. A list of Indian Residential Schools that had or could have had Day Scholars can be found at the end of this Notice, and online at <https://www.justiceforayacholans.com/schools-list>. In cases where the Day Scholar died on or after May 30, 2005, the deceased Day Scholar's estate or heirs may apply for the Day Scholar Compensation Payment.
- \$50 million Day Scholars Revitalization Fund:** Canada will pay \$50 million to the Day Scholars Revitalization Fund to be used to support housing, wellness, education, language, culture, heritage, and commemoration for the benefit of the Survivor and Descendant Classes. The funds will be administered by a non-profit society.

The settlement does not include the Band Class. Nothing in the settlement will affect the Band Class claim, which is moving forward to trial.

When can Class Members make claims for the individual \$18,000 Day Scholar Compensation Payment?

Claimants may begin making claims when the claims period opens on January 4, 2022.

The deadline to submit a claim is October 4, 2022, at 11:59 p.m. Claimants should act quickly to ensure that you do not miss the claims deadline.

How do I make a claim?

Claims forms will be available in both online and paper versions.

- The online form is available on the Claims Administrator (Deloitte) website and can be completed entirely online: www.dayscholarclaims.com
- The paper version is available directly from the Claims Administrator (Deloitte). It may also be available from your local band. Claimants who complete paper forms will have to mail, email, or fax them directly to the Claims Administrator.

There are two types of claim forms:

- Day Scholar Application Form** to be completed by or on behalf of living Day Scholars: www.dayscholarclaims.com
- Estate Claims Form** to be completed if you are an heir or an estate executor, administrator, trustee or liquidator making a claim for a deceased Day Scholar who was alive on May 30, 2005: www.dayscholarclaims.com

After completing and submitting the correct claim form, the Claims Administrator will review the form and determine if the claim is eligible for compensation. It is important to fill out the claim form with all the information so that the Claims Administrator can process it quickly.

If you have already received a Common Experience Payment under the Residential Schools Settlement Agreement (RESSA), or if you are eligible for compensation under the McLean Day School Settlement, you may still be eligible for additional compensation under this Day Scholar settlement, providing you have not already received compensation for all of the same school years you attended as a Day Scholar.

If the Claims Administrator sees that a claim form is incomplete or if information necessary to process the claim is not provided, the Claims Administrator will contact you to ask for more information.

If your claim is dismissed by the Claims Administrator for any reason (other than because it involved a school that did not have Day Scholars or is regarding a Day Scholar who died before May 30, 2005), you can ask for a reconsideration. If that happens, you can choose to have a lawyer provided by Class Counsel (at no cost to you), you can represent yourself, or you can choose your own lawyer (you will have to pay your lawyer). An Independent Reviewer will decide any disputed claims and the Independent Reviewer's decision will be final and binding.

When will I receive my settlement payment?

Valid claims for living Day Scholars will be paid as quickly as possible and, most likely, within a few months after you send in your claim form.

If you are making an Estate Claim as an heir of a deceased Day Scholar who was alive on May 30, 2005, your claim will not be assessed until the end of the claim period to make sure that no claim has been brought by a validly appointed estate executor, administrator, trustee or liquidator, or by an heir of the same or higher priority.

Fill out the forms carefully and make sure you have given all the information asked for. This will help the Claims Administrator pay your claim quickly.

What if I need help with the claims form, want to obtain a claims form, or want more information?

If you want to obtain a paper copy of a claims form, want assistance completing a claims form, or want more information about this class action or the claims process, please see www.dayscholarclaims.com or contact the Claims Administrator:

Deloitte
Indian Residential School Day Scholars Claims Administrator c/o Deloitte
PO Box 7034
Toronto, ON, Canada M5C 0A9
Fax: 416-601-6101
Phone: 1-877-877-5786
Email: dayscholarclaims@deloitte.ca

COVID-19 Statistics for Maskwacis As of February 09, 2022

ACTIVE	315
RECOVERED	3871
TOTAL CASES	4198
HOSPITALIZED	12
DECEASED	24

Vaccine Clinic Thursday, February 10 at Montana Band Office 10:00-2:00. No appointments necessary. Flu shots are still available.

AUTISM Support Group

Hosted by Maskwacis Parents Place

February 23, 2022, March 23, 2022
April 27, 2022, May 25, 2022
1:00 - 2:00pm
Online via ZOOM

We Welcomes all Four Band Maskwacis Families who have children within the Autism Spectrum.
Please join us to meet with other families, having a shared experience.
Resources will be available.
Contact Carmella @ 780-585-2254 to Register

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

ENTREPRENEURSHIP ESSENTIALS FOR INDIGENOUS ENTREPRENEURS

only 12 spots available!

PROGRAM STARTS: APRIL 2022
DEADLINE TO APPLY: APRIL 8th, 2022

During this training program, attendees learn the essentials of business development, how to identify and assess business opportunities, market requirements of managing their own business, and how to access various funding streams for indigenous entrepreneurs. This course also explores networking and branding strategies, progress tracking for understanding both on and off reserve, and the importance of business insurance. From getting your business insured to creating a business plan for success and innovation.

Workforce Training & Development
780-585-3306

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TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT TRAINING-TO-EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

APPLY NOW! PROGRAM STARTS MARCH 2022

This training-to-employment program provides trainees with both the soft and practical skills to be successful in the energy sector. The 10-week, customized program includes a number of industry required and recognized courses, including:

- Team Work Effectiveness
- Business Fundamentals: Personal Finance - MATHS
- Business Writing & Interview Skills
- Residential Fire Safety (RFS) Level 1 & 2
- Business Plan Development
- Customer Service Excellence
- Customer Service Excellence
- Teamwork of work placement support and facilitation
- Business Development
- Soft Skills

With the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, our course providers will also be delivering all course content in business development. APPLY TODAY!

10 SPOTS AVAILABLE

For training inquiries, please call:
Workforce Training & Development
780-585-3306

CHANNER

Erminek Education Trust Fund COORDINATOR Full Time Position

The coordinator acts as the information hub and first point of contact for the Erminek Education Trust Fund. In this diverse position, the coordinator is expected to maintain an in-depth knowledge of policies and procedures of the Erminek Education Trust Fund (EETF) prior to effectively manage timelines and coordinate the day-to-day EETF operations and funding schedules. This role reports directly to the EETF Board of Trustees.

The Coordinator is resourceful, organized, and adaptable, and can effectively manage competing priorities. They are a skilled communicator who can distill complex information into easy-to-understand responses to stakeholder (Erminek membership) queries, and have a meticulous attention to detail. Most importantly, you thrive in a collaborative and team-oriented setting.

Specific Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Main point of contact with schools, caregivers, administrators, and clients, regarding EETF programs and services
- Oversee and administer the inquiries and awards as per EETF programs policy
- Support the implementation of EETF Policies/By-laws
- Managing local and nationwide communication projects within their budget and timeline allotted
- Writing, editing, and producing content for EETF communication materials (web, social media, briefs, brochures, presentations, etc.)
- Supporting EETF through effective public relations and reputation management
- Coordinating the distribution of communication materials to all Erminek Membership and relevant parties
- Providing guidance and mentorship to EETF Staff and Erminek Cree Nation (ECN) students
- Generate and provide monthly written reports to the EETF Board of Trustees as well as an overall annual report for EETF Annual General Meeting
- Coordinate board meetings, recording minutes, updating motion registry, and maintaining legal and financial documents
- Coordinate and manage special projects and events
- Maintain bookkeeping and financial management on a regular basis
- Manage and execute the member enrolment, update, and other required processes
- Maintain, revise, and update our various forms of communication
- Generate reporting and analyze data as required using excel documents, and/or other software as advised by the EETF Policies/By-laws
- Writing grant proposals to foundations for program funding
- Facilitating youth engagement to encourage community involvement
- Liaison with other ECN departments and outside agencies to establish programs, workshops, and engagement services for the purpose of promoting education for Erminek Cree Nation youth.

Competencies specific for this role:

- Uphold and maintain a high level of Confidentiality
- Ability to handle highly sensitive issues with discretion, tact, and diplomacy.
- Advanced critical thinking skills
- Strong attention to detail
- Ability to balance multiple, and sometimes competing priorities
- Comfortable dealing with difficult clients and stressful situations
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Effective interpersonal and community relation skills
- Knowledge and Proficiency in content management, communications, and desktop publishing software programs and web services
- Valid Class 5 Driver's License, clean abstracts (Valuable Sector Check Intervention Record Check)

Qualifications (Preferred):

- Post-Secondary Diploma Degree in Business Administration or Management with a minimum of 2-3 years' experience in a progressive administrative role.
- Extensive knowledge and certification in EETF, QuickBooks, and cloud accounting software (i.e. Sage), experience in bookkeeping is an asset
- Tech savvy in day to day computer use
- Strong Customer Service skills, including proven written and verbal communications skills is an asset.
- Willing to take appropriate training where necessary.

Experience leading or collaborating with a team, as well as strong coaching and communication skills is crucial to the Erminek Education Trust Fund and Erminek Cree Nation cultures and traditions. Familiarity with the Maskwacis Cree language and culture is an asset. Erminek Cree Nation members will be considered a priority.

Reference ID: COORDINATOR EETF
Application Deadline: February 22, 2022
Expected Start Date: *TBD pending position fulfillment*
Probation Period: 3 months
Salary: \$45,000-\$55,000 Annually *Based on education, skills, qualifications, and certification*
Other: Call phone allowance
Benefits: Group Life Insurance under ETE, Group Pension Plan

By joining the Erminek Education Trust Fund (EETF), all your hard work and dedication will serve the good of our Nation.

Submit Cover letter, updated Resumes, Intervention Record Check, Valuable Sector Check, Driver's Abstract and three (3) recent letters of reference, and proof of certification(s) to info@ermetrustfund.com



January 29, 2022

The Nipisihkopahk Hawks Senior Mens Team defeated the Saddle Lake Warriors at the Four Nations Arena in Maskwacis. The Final Score was 11 to 7. Great game and we hope everyone had a safe travel home.

Delorna pictures.

Source Samson Cree Nation facebook page. @SamsonCreeNation

Nipisihkopahk Hawks	Saddle Lake Warriors
#1 Garret Montour (G)	#1 John Steinhauer (G)
#35 Cowan Swampy (G)	#2 Brend Watchmaker (G)
#2 AJ Buffalo	#3 Mitch Makokis
#3 Landon Crier	#4 Dj Makokis
#4 Austin Buffalo	#5 Orrie Wood
#5 Brendan Crier	#6 Curtiss Wood
#6 Jash Swampy	#7 Math Delver
#7 Kevin Littlechild	#8 Taylor Moosewah
#9 Austin Lightning	#9 Darien Cardinal
#10 Dylan Lightning	#10 Bryton Cardinal
#11 Billy Cutknife	#11 Deldon Cardinal
#12 Bryce Montour	#12 Isaiah Cardinal
#14 Joel Johnson	#13 TJ Kishaynew
#17 Phoenix Swampy	#14 Devon Jackson
#18 Neil Montour	#15 Cole Steinhauer
#66 Dylan Buffalo	#16 Mark Steinhauer
	#17 Davin Buck
	#18 Matthew Moosewah
	#19 Kayin Cardinal
	#20 Loren Cardinal
	#21 Kenny Delver
	#22 Silas Makokis
	#23 Talon Cardinal
	#24 Trey Delver
	#25 Josh Lapatak
	#26 Kale Logan
	#27 Jaleel Delver
	#28 Kyle Steinhauer
	#29 Thunder Makokis
	#30 Javen Cardinal

Cory Saddleback Co.
Snow Removal and Lawn Services
587-594-6770



Expecting Respect

A Youth Peer Education Program of Personal Discovery & Self-Empowerment

10 Week Program!

Here's some topic we cover

Samson Community-Wellness
(780)-585-3634

Junior High & Senior High Lessons

- JH- Alcohol, Other Drugs & Gambling "test your knowledge!"
- JH- Tobacco "Kickin' butt trivia & more"
- JH- Bullying "It's a jungle out there"
- JH- Forming Healthy Relationships
- JH- Media & Advertising
- JH&SH- Self-Awareness/Discovery
- SH- Healthy Dating Relationships
- SH- Sexual Boundaries - Drawing The Line
- SH- Sexual Harassment
- SH- Sexual Health - Respect, Responsibility & Reducing Your Risks
- SH- Impacts of Social Media
- SH- Learners (class 7) Introductory
- SH- Nutrition

EVERY Friday

TIME? 5PM-6PM

AGES: 13 - 17

***Starting February 11th, 2022**

Google Meets

YOU POWER

2BBOYS

BOYS WELL-BEING GROUPS

10 WEEK PROGRAM

EVERY WEDNESDAY 5PM-6PM

AGES: 8-14

STARTING FEB. 9TH 2022

2BBOYS program is designed to assist in connecting to their true selves in an empowering, respectful, healthy and dynamic way. The program focuses on building skills to help boys excel socially and emotionally.

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Google Meets

8 WEEK PROGRAM STARTING FEB. 10TH 2022

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Google Meets

HEAL YOUR LIFE

TEEN SELF-EMPOWERMENT

PROGRAM WILL BE STARTING **FEBRUARY 15TH, 2022**

8 week Program

Every Tuesday 4pm-5pm

Ages: 13-17

"LOVE IS THE GREAT MIRACLE CURE. LOVING OURSELVES WORKS MIRACLES IN OUR LIVE"
-LOUISE HAY

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Google Meets

THUNDERBIRD TEACHINGS

EVERY THURSDAY

TIME? 5PM-6PM

AGES: 7-12

- INDIGENOUS DOT ART:** LEARN HOW TO PAINT AN INDIGENOUS DESIGN USING POINTILLIST ART.
- MINDFULNESS BEADING:** USE PONY BEAD TO DISCOVER OUR STRENGTH BEAD.
- POW WOW FLOW:** FOLLOW ALONG AS WE WARM UP & WAKE UP THE BRAIN, AND LEARN ABOUT THE DIFFERENT STYLES OF DANCE
- THE 7 TEACHINGS LESSON:** LEARN ABOUT THE 7 GRANDFATHER TEACHINGS.

Google Meets

YOU POWER

GIRL POWER

STARTING FEB. 14TH 2022

10 WEEK PROGRAM

EVERY MONDAY 4PM-5PM

AGES 7-13

Girl Power is an educational, skill-building and creative group designed to introduce girls ages 9-12 to concepts and skills that promote a positive self-image. Girl Power assists girls to challenge social rules and media messages that diminish a girl's sense of self as they move toward adolescence.

GOOGLE MEETS (780)-585-3634

Ermineskin Women's Shelter presents

Valentine's Day Gift Basket Raffle

Draw: February 14
 Tickets: \$5
 E-Transfer: johansensheila8@gmail.com
 Contact: 780-585-4470



February 2022



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 ASL Online 5pm	2 ASL Online 5pm ↓	3	4
7	8 ASL Online 5pm	9 COHI Coupon Day	10	11
14 Valentines Day Drive-Thru 12pm	15 ASL Online 5pm	16 Teepee Teachings • Best Western	17 Teepee Teachings Sign up • 780-585-2254	18 Teepee Teachings Limited spots available
21 Family Day Office CLOSED	22 ASL Online 5pm	23 Coupon Day Autism Support 1pm	24 Kinship Teachings • Online via Zoom	25 Kinship Teachings Sign up • 780-585-2254
28 Elders Walking Club 12:00pm				

Integrated Family Services

FASD Mentor Program
 Masiwacis Parents Place
 Prenatal Nutrition Program (CPNP)

Atoskewin Program
 Samson Elders Program
 (Located at the SCN Admin Building)

COVID Office Hours:
 Monday - Friday
 9:00am - 3:00pm
 Ph: (780) 585-2254
 Fax: (780) 585-2234
 Email: integratedfamily@yahoo.com

MEN'S HEALING CAMP

JANUARY 31, 2022
 FEBRUARY 27

(Located @ Camp Wohelo)
 Holistic wellness sessions

Land based teachings & 28 day - Matrix Model

MANDATORY COVID TEST / VACCINATION CARD

*CALL: (780)-585-3634 FOR MORE INFORMATION

Samson Income Support COVID RELIEF DRIVE THRU

Covid19 Relief payments will be paid out on the following dates

February 10, 2022 10-3:00pm
 March 15, 2022 10-3:00pm
 April 12, 2022 10-3:00pm

Location: Willowview

Personal Pick Up Only
No Exceptions

ISC determines if Clients Qualify. Not Income Support Personnel. for more information contact your case worker

Each FILE will receive a payment, not each person

If you are in quarantine/isolation. Please contact your case worker

For more information contact 780-585-6680



February 8, 2022

Update with Emergency Management Harper Potts:

Harper: Good Morning everyone. We will start with the numbers:

We are 23 months into the pandemic.
 4156 Total Cases
 3780 Recovered
 351 Active
 15 Hospitalized

24 Deceased

160 Cases in Samson
 15/8 Samson Hospitalized
 82 Homes Approximately under Isolation/Quarantine

628 Peak on January 27, 2022
 700 Approximately because of School Sending Home Test Kits, Testing Positive
 277 Cases Down since January 27, 2022

Our numbers are going down so we have to keep working on that. Remember that the virus is airborne, that's how you get it. The omicron variant is very contagious. If you test positive with a home

test kit, there's a 90% chance that the other people in the house are positive too.

I tested positive after 22 months. I kept my circle small and I went shopping late at night. Even though I did everything I still got it. Thank you to MHS for the room where I stayed. It's not like a hospital. It can take a couple of hours to get admitted. If your doing home tests and call MHS when you get the results.

If you want a Home Test Kit call: 780-585-2522

Employees will be tested Monday mornings and Wednesday.

The vaccination clinics are still open and there is no appointment necessary. The Homeless Trailers are shut down for a while until the numbers come down. If they want to get help, Community Wellness will help them get support for their addictions.

The band office is open. You can make an appointment to see the department you need. We are on a cohort system. They might open up the weight room at the HBMC. MESC schools are open.

CHIP statistics as of November 26, 2021:
 12, 852 Population in Maskwacis
 6823 1st Vaccine
 5405 2nd Vaccine
 538 3rd Vaccine
 3000 Needed to Go for Vaccines

With that I want to thank everyone for listening today. So keep your circle small, sanitize your hands, wear your masks and please get vaccinated. Prayers out to the families who are affected in Maskwacis. Have a good day, take care of your Elders, your family members and we will see next time.

February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5
6	7	8 IFS Traditional Parenting Workshop	9 IFS Traditional Parenting Workshop	10 IFS Traditional Parenting Workshop	11 Newsletter. IFS Traditional Parenting Workshop	12
13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16 IFS Traditional Teachings, Wetaskiwin.	17	18 IFS Traditional Teachings, Wetaskiwin.	19
20	21 Family Day	22	23 Pink Shirt Day. No Bullying.	24	25 Newsletter.	26
27	28					

March 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 Newsletter.	12
13 Daylight Savings Time Begins	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day.	18	19
20 Spring Equinox	21	22	23	24	25 Newsletter.	26
27	28	29	30	31		



MASKWACIS HEALTH SERVICES
 TELEPHONE (780) 585-2522 FAX (780) 585-2285

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
 Communications Officer

Maskwacis Health Services (MHS) is accepting resumes for a (1) Full Time Communications Officer. If you meet these requirements we encourage you to apply.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor's degree in Communications, Marketing or Public Relations, or proven relevant work experience
- Maintain high level of confidentiality
- Excellent communication skills
- Ability to work in a fast paced environment with excellent time management skills
- Professional & Courteous
- Well-Organized, reliable and punctual
- The ability to adapt to new technology and the ability to deal with people smoothly, tactfully, diplomatically, and professionally at all times
- Knowledge of the Cree language and culture an asset
- Must have own or reliable transportation

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

- Resume with Dates & Certificates
- Criminal Record Check with Inmate Status
- CRM Inmate Check

SUMMARY:
 The communications officer shall be responsible for all MHS advertising. This shall include the creation & distribution of the MHS newsletter, monitoring & providing for radio board calls, program advertising on Public Education Services, online Social Media sites, media coverage, reporting on MHS and community events, create event posters and distribution of public/community notices.

Salary: Based on education & years of experience

CLOSING DATE: Friday, February 26, 2022 @ 4:00 pm

Please forward your Resume and supporting documents to:

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT
 Maskwacis Health Services
 Box 100
 Maskwacis, Alberta
 T0C 1M0

Phone: (780) 585-4444 ext. 2488
 Fax: (780) 585-2285
 Email: j.l.m@mhsc.ca

We thank all applicants for their interest and advise that only those selected for interview shall be contacted.

Ermineskin Women's Shelter

FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION MONTH

Call 911 if you or someone you know is in immediate danger

The Family Violence Info Line 24/7 is available toll free 24 hours a day

If you can't talk find a safe place, use alternate communication

For more information about Family Violence Prevention or leaving an abusive home life
 24 hr Line Call 780-585-4444 or Victim Services 780-585-3767

SAMSON RECREATION BINGO IS LOOKING FOR 25 NON PROFIT CHARITY CLUBS

CLUBS CAN FUNDRAISE FOR

- SPONSORSHIP/DONATION/ FOR SPORTS
- MEMORIAL CULTURAL EVENTS
- EDUCATIONAL/TRADITIONAL TEACHINGS
- SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAMS
- AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

FOR APPLICATIONS AND INFO CONTACT HEATHER OR WARREN @7805852802

heatherdelsey@yahoo.ca
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**MASKWACIS FOUR NATIONS DIRECTORS OF EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT & MASKWACIS HEALTH SERVICES**

PUBLIC NOTICE

With the recent rise in COVID-19 cases in our Maskwacis Communities, we the Four Nations DEM's and MHS have agreed to further restrictions within Maskwacis. This is effective January 19, 2022 until further notice. This closure will affect all public buildings as well as MESC schools.

We are restricting all public social gatherings and we strongly recommend that we as People of Maskwacis limit visitors from outside our households and limit unnecessary travel.

All essential services will remain open, please contact your community DEM for any questions or concerns.

Francis Lynch-Louis Bull DEM
Greg Minde-Ermineskin Cree Nation DEM
Harper Potts-Samson Cree Nation DEM
Gina LongJohn-Montana First Nation DEM
Michael McKnight-Incident Command MHS

► **Jim O Cultural Centre News:** Samson Band Members \$150 Non Refundable. Non Samson Band Members \$150 Non Refundable. \$50 Damage Deposit. Centre must be cleaned after use, kitchen cleaned up, floors swept, chairs put away. Call 780-585-3793 ext. 159.
No Double Booking.
No Smoking.
No Public Phone.

► **Samson Trades:** High volume of calls due to not changing furnace filters, please do not pour grease down the drains, the Housing department has moved into the Trades Center.

**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR SERVICE**



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www.issuu.com/samsoncreenation

Jan 23, 2019